

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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BASIN AND RANGE WATCH,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:16-CV-403 JCM (PAL)

ORDER

Presently before the court is the joint motion to stay proceedings on the merits, submitted by all parties. (ECF No. 53). This motion requests that this court “reinstate the stay of briefing and resolution of the merits of the claims in this case pending the Court’s adjudication of Basin and Range Watch’s Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Costs.”¹ (*Id.* at 1–2). The parties assert that this issue is not moot and that this route to resolution will “conserve the parties’ and the Court’s resources.” (*Id.* at 2).

The parties further state as follows:

[B]ecause of [the Freedom of Information Act]’s unique standard for “substantially prevailing party,” a resolution of the outstanding claims in this case is not necessary for the Court to adjudicate Basin and Range Watch’s Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Costs, that the adjudication of that Motion will fully resolve the remaining disputed issues between the parties, and that *the Court may issue judgment and close the case with its order resolving that Motion.*

(*Id.*) (emphasis added).

¹ The court acknowledges the parties’ compliance with its March 1, 2017, order (ECF No. 51) and their submission of the requested stipulation (ECF No. 52).

